GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Draft Level at Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the draft depth at allthe ports including Major and Hub-portsin the country;
(b) whether the Major and Hub-portsin the country have the capability to handleall types of vessels and bigger shipsincluding those which need draft depth ofaround 17-18 meter;
(c) if so, the details thereof port-wise;and
(d) if not, the steps taken/being takenby the Government to increase the draftdepth and also facilitate other requirementsneeded to handle bigger ships at theseports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)
(a)to(d):Details of existing draft and proposed draft in the entrance channels in the 12 Major Ports is placed at the enclosed Annexure. In view of draft limitations, Visakhapatnam Port can handle all types of vessels/ ships requiring 18.1 metres draft. Chennai Port can handle tankers requiring 17 metres draft during high waters at Bharathi Dock-III. Kandla Port has the capability of handling ships requiring 17 metres draft at Tuna Tekra Terminal and at Vadinar.
ANNEXURE
Name of Port Existing draft (mtrs) Proposed Draft (mtrs) By when likely
Kolkata 7.2-7.5 No proposal to increase draft at present Kolkata is the only riverine Major Port which suffers from perennial siltation coupled with morphological changes.
Paradip 14.5 18.0 31.12.2017
Visakha-
patnam Inner Harbour: 14.5 Outer Harbour: 18.1 No proposal to increase draft at present
Kamarajar
(Ennore) 13.5-16 18.0 31.03.2017
Chennai Inner Harbour: 13.0 Outer Harbour: 17.0 No proposal to increase draft at present
V.O.Chidambar
-nar(Tuticorin) 9.7 to 12.8 No proposal to increase draft at present Development of outer harbour is planned
Cochin 14.5 No proposal to increase draft at present
New Mangalore 14.0 No proposal to increase draft at present
Mormugao 14.4 19.8 31.12.2016
Mumbai 14.0 proposal to increase draft of Fifth oil berth of JawaharDweep to 16.1 meters 31.12.2016
J.N.P.T. 14.0 15.0 31.12.2017
Kandla 13.0 Tuna: 15.0 No proposal to increase draft at present Transloading in practice
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